

The ONE Thing.

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***“If you don’t SEE it . . .
LEAD into it.”***

1 Samuel 17

⁴ Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! ⁵ He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. ⁶ He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver’s beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield. ⁸ Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites.

*“Why are you all coming out to fight?” he called. “I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. **Choose one man to come down here and fight me!** ⁹ If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! ¹⁰ I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!”*

¹¹ When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.

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¹⁶ For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army.

***“Sometimes we find ourselves stuck
in a place we don’t WANT to be
on the way to where we WILL be.”***

6 Ways to Lead Into It.

1. Ask Questions.

1 Samuel 17

²⁴ As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright. ²⁵ “Have you seen the giant?” the men asked. “He comes out each day to defy Israel. The king has offered a huge reward to anyone who kills him. He will give that man one of his daughters for a wife, and the man’s entire family will be exempted from paying taxes!”

²⁶ David asked the soldiers standing nearby, **“What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?”** ²⁷ And these men gave David the same reply. They said, “Yes, that is the reward for killing him.”

²⁸ But when David’s oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. “What are you doing around here anyway?” he demanded. “What about those few sheep you’re supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!”

2. Speak Into It.

1 Samuel 17

³² “Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul.

“I’ll go fight him!”

⁴⁵ David replied to the Philistine, **“You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies - the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.**

⁴⁶ Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! ⁴⁷ And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. **This is the Lord’s battle, and he will give you to us!”**

3. **Remember what God has Done.**

1 Samuel 17

³³ “Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied. “There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.”

³⁴ But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. ³⁶ I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God!”

³⁷ ***“The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”***

4. **Don’t be Intimidated.**

1 Samuel 17

³⁸ Then Saul gave David his own armor - a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. ³⁹ David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. ***“I can’t go in these,”*** he protested to Saul. “I’m not used to them.” So David took them off again.

⁴⁰ He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd’s bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd’s staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.

5. **Don’t Hesitate.**

1 Samuel 17

⁴⁸ As Goliath moved closer to attack,
David quickly ran out to meet him.

6. Don't do it Half Way.

1 Samuel 17

⁵⁰ So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword. ⁵¹ Then David ran over and pulled Goliath's sword from its sheath. David used it *to kill him and cut off his head.*

God is calling you to LEAD when . . .

- Your wife isn't responding in the way you think she should.
- Your kids aren't doing what they should be doing.
- Your job isn't going the way you want.
- You wish you had more.
- You wish you were appreciated more.
- You want to see God move in your life more.

Table Groups:

Q: What area is God calling me to LEAD into?

Q: What's my first step?

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Pray Together!